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BELL SENDS MESSAGE

The CG, USAREUR/7A, has issued the following new message:

➤Bell Sends Message #24-04, Labor Day Weekend Safety, 2 August 2004

Bell Sends messages are posted on the USAREUR homepage (<http://www.hqusareur.army.mil>). They are also available through the Army in Europe Publishing System (<https://aepubs.army.mil/ae/public/main.asp>) and in the Library of Army in Europe Publications and Forms (<https://www.aeaim.hqusareur.army.mil/library/>).

TRANSITION TO ACTIVE DIRECTORY

All commanders in the Army in Europe (USAREUR and IMA-E) should ensure that their information technology (IT) staff is implementing "Active Directory" on their computer networks. Detailed planning and coordination is necessary to ensure units do not end up being isolated from the network.

Active Directory—

➤Is a critical, network-centric enabling technology and a major improvement to the network.

➤Provides a true, enterprise-level operating environment that will ensure greater security, management, and use of network resources.

➤Simplifies and enhances the capabilities for joint interoperability and collaboration.

➤Must be implemented in all units by 31 December 2004. Army in Europe policy on Active Directory implementation is available at <https://www.aeaim.hqusareur.army.mil/library/ltr/pdf/ul2004-011.pdf>.

Only 8 percent of users in the Army in Europe (about 5,000 out of 64,000 users) have migrated to Active Directory. Unit IT staffs must become involved in implementation now to ensure that Active Directory is implemented in their units before the deadline.

IT staffs must plan and coordinate Active Directory implementation with their supporting signal battalion (network service center) and Task Force Enterprise, Office of the USAREUR G6. Detailed guidance is available at <https://www.tfe.hqusareur.army.mil/domain/ad/>.

Active Directory must be implemented as part of the decommissioning of NT servers. Three Department of the Army information assurance vulnerability alerts (IAVAs) (2004-A-5009 DC, 2004-A-5009 E, and 2004-A-5009 S1) direct Army organizations to terminate the operation of all Windows NT 4 servers by 31 December 2004. More information on these IAVAs is available at <https://iassure.usareur.army.mil/>. Units that fail to meet this deadline risk being isolated from the network. The USAREUR G6 Information Assurance Program Manager will highlight this action on the weekly USAREUR IAVA compliance report.

The POC for—

➤Technical information is CW2 Ball, DSN 370-5735/8781.

➤Policy is Mr. LaChance, DSN 370-7395.

PREPARING FOR TRANSITION TO IPV6

DoD has undertaken an initiative to transition the Global Information Grid from Internet Protocol version 4 (IPv4) to Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6), which provides numerous enhancements in security, address space, and quality of service. This is a long-term project that requires proactive, early, and continuous life-cycle management of all computers, software, and network devices and equipment used in the Army in Europe to ensure an effective transition to the new protocol. Current Army in Europe policy on IPv6 is at <https://www.aeaim.hqusareur.army.mil/library/ltr/pdf/ul2004-004.pdf>.

As the end-of-year buying season approaches, all units must ensure that they are planning IPv6 compatibility in their information technology (IT) procurements. For maximum flexibility (to ensure full capability to conduct joint and internal operations, and implement an effective transition to IPv6), Army in Europe organizations should procure IT systems that enable "IPv4/IPv6 dual stack" functionality. Dual stack functionality allows IT systems to support both IPv4 and IPv6 protocols at the same time or individually. When ordering IT systems, organizations must ensure they request IPv4/IPv6 dual stack functionality. Organizations are reminded that AR 25-1 and Army in Europe policy require that the Army Small Computer Program be used as the primary source for IT procurements.

The POC for—

➤Army in Europe policy is Mr. LaChance, DSN 370-7395.

➤Technical and implementation issues is Mr. Holbrook, DSN 380-5718.

AEPUBS TRAINING

Two training sessions on the Army in Europe Publishing System (AEPUBS) will be held in Mannheim, Germany, on 2 September 2004 at 0830 and 1330. Training will take place at Taylor Barracks, building 345, in the third-floor training room.

Space is limited. Personnel who would like to attend must call DSN 384-6883/6884 or civilian 0621-730-6883/6884 to reserve a seat.

NSPS TOWNHALL MEETINGS

Representatives from the Department of the Army will conduct townhall meetings in Germany on the National Security Personnel System (NSPS) at the following locations:

Stuttgart	18 August 2004 1400-1600	Base Theater Patch Barracks (bldg 2339)
Heidelberg	19 August 2004 0900-1100	Patrick Henry Village Village Pavilion Ballroom
Kaiserslautern	19 August 2004 1400-1600	Vogelweh Community Center Ballroom (bldg 2059)

The NSPS was authorized by the fiscal year 2004 National Defense Authorization Act. This law allows DOD to establish new rules on how civilians are hired, assigned, compensated, promoted, and disciplined. Commanders, managers, and supervisors are encouraged to release their employees to attend these sessions within mission constraints without charging them leave. Military and civilian leaders at all levels are also strongly encouraged to attend.

NEW ELECTRONIC ARMY IN EUROPE PUBLICATIONS

The following Army in Europe (AE) publications have been published and are available in electronic format in the Library of Army in Europe Publications and Forms:

➤ [AE Regulation 525-50](#), Arms Control Compliance, 6 August 2004

➤ [AE Regulation 600-8-108](#), Rear Detachment Command, 10 August 2004

➤ [AE Pamphlet 37-10](#), A Soldier's Guide to Financial Readiness, 3 August 2004

NEW ARMY IN EUROPE COMMAND MEMORANDUM

The following Army in Europe command memorandum has been distributed as shown:

➤ [BlackBerry Policy](#), AEAIM-A (DSN 370-3520), 11 August 2004 (Dist: C)

The proponent telephone number is listed after the office symbol. This memorandum is also available in the Library of Army in Europe Publications and Forms at <https://www.aeaim.hqusareur.army.mil/library/>.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND— SUMMER UNDER THE OAK TREE

The policy in [memorandum, HQ USAREUR/7A, AEAGA](#), 10 May 2004, subject as above, will continue in effect until 30 May 2005.

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